

# **Putnamville Correctional Facility Awarded National ACA Accreditation**

Putnam, Indiana - (January 15, 2008) - Monday, January 14, 2008, Superintendent Michael J. Osburn, on behalf of the Putnamville Correctional Facility, was presented with a certificate of accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections. The award was presented during the winter American Correctional Association conference held in Grapevine, Texas from January 12 through January 16, 2008.

The Commission commended Superintendent Osburn for the professionalism of staff, sanitation of the facility and quality of life provided for the offenders. "This achievement was a team effort. I work with staff who are dedicated professionals and who understand that by maintaining ACA compliance they are providing a safe and secure environment for offenders, fellow staff members and the public," stated Mr. Osburn.

The American Correctional Association, founded in 1870, is a professional peer review process based on national correctional standards. The standards were developed by leaders in the field of corrections, healthcare, law, and various organizations in correctional management. The accreditation process includes an audit of the facility's procedures and practice in the areas of operation, programs and services. During the three- year accreditation award period the facility will maintain and improve compliance levels of procedures and practice.

The Putnamville Correctional Facility will be eligible for re-accreditation in 2010.

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